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## TeleCONSENSUS Applauds the Introduction of the Broadband Consumer Choice Act of 2005

WASHINGTON, D.C.—TeleCONSENSUS today welcomed the introduction of the Broadband Consumer Choice Act of 2005 by U.S. Senator John Ensign (R-NV), which will improve consumers' access to communications technologies and reduce government barriers that hinder technological innovation.

"The business community strongly supports the goals of this legislation to create regulatory parity and a telecommunications marketplace free from outdated laws," said William L. Kovacs, Vice President for Technology at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and representative for TeleCONSENSUS. "We believe this bill is an important step toward eliminating the legacy laws that are stifling innovation and investment in the telecommunications industry," Kovacs said.

All sectors of the U.S. economy will benefit from modernized telecommunications laws. TeleCONSENSUS is calling on Congress to update telecommunications laws in order to create jobs, spur investment, foster innovation, expand consumer choice, enhance efficiency, and increase productivity.

TeleCONSENSUS is made up of a broad cross-section of trade associations, chambers of commerce, telecommunications providers, equipment manufacturers, businesses, and consumers.